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Annotations

1. Election of officers

At its twenty-fifth session, the Committee for Programme and Coordination reaffirmed the decision made at its twenty-fourth session that the post of its Chair, as well as the other posts on the Bureau, should rotate annually among the regional groups and decided on the following pattern of rotation for the post of the Chair: (a) Group of African States; (b) Group of Eastern European States; (c) Group of

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Latin American and Caribbean States; (d) Group of Western European and Other States; and (e) Group of Asia-Pacific States. The Committee also decided that each year the post of Rapporteur should be occupied by a member of the regional group that occupied the post of the Chair in the previous year.

At its fifty-fifth session, the Committee may wish to elect the Chair from the Group of Eastern European States, in accordance with the agreed pattern of rotation among regional groups, and the Rapporteur from the Group of African States, the regional group that occupied the post of Chair of the Committee the previous year.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Pursuant to paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/41 and paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 34/50, the Committee submitted to the Council and the Assembly for their review the provisional agenda for its fifty-fifth session, together with the list of documentation requested.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee, which shall report thereon to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly. In its resolution 59/267, the Assembly invited the Committee, in performing its programmatic, coordination, monitoring and evaluation functions, as set out in its mandate, to consider relevant reports of the Unit. The Assembly, in its resolution 67/236, endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in its report on its fifty-second session, including its recommendation that the Assembly urge the Unit to intensify its efforts to introduce to the Committee reports that are relevant to the function of the Committee, bearing in mind subparagraphs 4 (d) and (e) of article 11 of the statute of the Unit (A/67/16, para. 7). In that connection, the Committee will select, at its organizational meeting, under agenda item 2, the report or reports of the Unit that it will consider at its fifty-fifth session under agenda item 5.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 53/207 and 54/236 and its decision 54/474, attention is drawn to Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2000/8, which contains the approved Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

By its resolution 64/229, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and decided not to include the agenda item "Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination" in future sessions, and further decided to discuss related matters under the agenda item "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work" as and when needed.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the fifty-fifth session (E/AC.51/2015/L.1)

Note by the Secretariat on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2015/L.2)

3. Programme questions

(a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

In its resolution 58/269 entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change", the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare, on a trial basis, for submission to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, a strategic framework to replace the four-year medium-term plan, which would comprise, in one document:

(a) Part one: a plan outline, reflecting the longer-term objectives of the Organization;

(b) Part two: a biennial programme plan, to cover two years.

In its resolution 62/224, the General Assembly considered the recommendations of the Committee contained in chapter III.B of its report on its forty-seventh session (A/62/16), including the decision to maintain the strategic framework as the principal policy directive of the United Nations with effect from the biennium 2010-2011 and to continue to include part one, plan outline, in the strategic framework (A/62/16, subparas. 33 (a) and (b)). The Assembly also requested that the Secretary-General improve the format of part one and the reflection of the longer-term objectives therein and reaffirmed that the Committee should, in performing its programmatic role in the planning and budgeting process, continue to review the programmatic aspects of the new and/or revised mandates approved subsequent to the adoption of the biennial programme plan, as well as any differences that might arise between the biennial programme plan and the programmatic aspects of the proposed programme budget, in accordance with its terms of reference, the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8) and the relevant resolutions of the Assembly.

In paragraph 10 of the same resolution, the General Assembly recalled regulation 5.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation and reiterated that the Committee for Programme and Coordination should continue to perform its role in reviewing the strategic framework and recommend any necessary changes to the Economic and Social Council and the Assembly.

In its resolution 68/20, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in its report on its fifty-third session (A/68/16), including: (a) that the Committee continue its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (A/68/74) at its fifty-fifth session; and (b) that the Assembly request the Secretary-General to present proposals for improving the objectives of the Organization, the expected accomplishments of the Secretariat and the indicators of achievement, as set out in the biennial programme plan, on the basis of the experience gained during the

implementation of results-based budgeting, in order to indicate more clearly the impact of the activities implemented.

By its resolution 69/17, the General Assembly decided on the priorities for the period 2016-2017, which would form the basis for preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General: consolidated report on the changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/__);

Relevant fascicles of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 58/269 and 62/224);

Biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6/Rev.1);

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (A/68/74).

(b) Evaluation

In its resolution 62/224, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee at its forty-seventh session on improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee within the framework of its mandate, whereby the Committee would consider in-depth and thematic evaluation reports, as well as the report on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives, in budget years, without prejudice to its consideration of evaluation reports in off-budget years, upon its request or that of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, taking into account rule 107.2 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

(i) Strengthening the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives

In accordance with regulation 7.4 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, the Committee will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the evaluation role and the application of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives. In that regard, the attention of the Committee is drawn to the relevant sections of General Assembly resolutions 36/228 B, 37/234, 38/227 A and B, 42/215, 43/219, 44/194, 45/253, 51/219, 53/207, 55/234, 57/282, 59/275, 61/235, 64/229, 66/8 and 68/20.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives (A/70/__)

(ii) Programme and thematic evaluations

In its resolution 68/20, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee at its fifty-third session (A/68/16), including: (a) selecting the programme evaluations of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Trade Centre and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, as well as the thematic evaluation of the monitoring and evaluation of the Millennium Development Goals: lessons learned, for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-fifth session, in 2015; and (b) considering, in conjunction with the programme evaluation report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services entitled "Review of the evaluation capacity of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees" (E/AC.51/2013/5).

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (E/AC.51/2015/__);

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the evaluation capacity of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/AC.51/2013/5) and the programme evaluation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/AC.51/2015/__);

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (E/AC.51/2015/2);

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (E/AC.51/2015/__);

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (E/AC.51/2015/__);

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of the International Trade Centre (E/AC.51/2015/__);

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (E/AC.51/2015/__);

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the thematic evaluation of the monitoring and evaluation of the Millennium Development Goals: lessons learned (E/AC.51/2015/__).

4. Coordination questions

(a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the Committee will have before it the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) for 2014.

In paragraph 12 of its resolution 69/17, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in chapter III. A of the report of the Committee on its fifty-fourth session (A/69/16), on the annual overview report of CEB for 2013. In its report, the Committee recommended that the Assembly bring to the attention of the Secretary-General, in his Capacity of Chair of CEB the need to continue addressing the issue of harmonizing and simplifying business practices and welcomed the opportunities for generating efficiencies by reducing administrative and procedural burdens; and recommended that the Assembly request the Secretary-General to share, through the High level Committee on Management, examples of good experiences and lessons learned on the implementation of good practices in performance management with human resources directors of member organizations. The Committee for Programme Coordination also reiterated its recommendations to the Assembly to bring to the attention of the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, the need to ensure that the Board's activities and initiatives, including those related to system-wide coherence, were in line with intergovernmental mandates, and the need to ensure the enhanced alignment of the measures of the High-level Committee on Management with the existing United Nations legislative framework, including in the area of procurement.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2014 (E/2015/__).

(b) New Partnership for Africa's Development

In its resolution 60/257, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in chapter IV.B of the report of the Committee on its forty-fifth session (A/60/16 and Corr.1), on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). In paragraph 237 of the report, the Committee recommended that the Assembly request the Secretary-General to report to the Committee at its forty-sixth session, and annually thereafter, on the progress, including problems, obstacles and challenges, as well as the goals of the United Nations system, to be achieved in support of NEPAD.

In paragraph 12 of its resolution 69/17, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in chapter III.B of the report of the Committee on its fifty-fourth session (A/69/16)) on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development. In its report, the Committee recommended that the Assembly endorse the conclusions and recommendations contained in paragraphs 112 to 119 of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/AC.51/2014/3). The Committee also recommended, inter alia, that the Assembly reiterate its request to the organizations of the United Nations system to continue to promote greater coherence in their work in support of NEPAD and to continue to mainstream the special needs of Africa into all of its normative and operational activities. Moreover, recognizing the important role of hard infrastructure in Africa, in particular energy, railroads and highways, the Committee recommended that the Assembly reiterate its request to the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to mobilize United Nations system support in that area. The Committee further recommended that the Assembly request the Secretary-General to

continue to include, in his future reports, detailed information related to the possible outcomes of the achievements of NEPAD targets; information not only on seminars, workshops and meetings but also on other tangible actions and results in respect of United Nations system support for NEPAD projects; and detailed information on the status of the implementation of the mandate related to the monitoring mechanism.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/AC.51/2015/__).

5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit

Under agenda item 5, the Committee will consider the relevant report or reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, to be decided upon by the Committee during its organizational session on 23 April 2015.

Documentation

Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit (see E/AC.51/2015/L.2)

6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII), the Committee will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its fifty-sixth session, with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Committee to consider those documents, their contribution to its work, their urgency and their relevance in the light of the current situation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-sixth session of the Committee (E/AC.51/2015/L.3).

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-fifth session

The report of the Committee on its fifty-fifth session will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its coordination and management meeting to be held in July 2015 and to the General Assembly at its seventieth session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its fifty-fifth session (E/AC.51/2015/L.4 and addenda).

Annex

Members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for 2015[a]

Membership in 2015	*Term expires on 31 December*
Armenia	2017
Belarus	2017
Benin	2016
Botswana	2015
Brazil	2017
Burkina Faso	2017
Cameroon	2017
China	2016
Cuba	2017
El Salvador	2015
Equatorial Guinea	2017
Ethiopia	2016
France	2015
Haiti	2016
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2017
Italy	2017
Japan	2016
Morocco	2016
Namibia	2017
Pakistan	2017
Peru	2015
Republic of Korea	2016
Russian Federation	2015
Saudi Arabia	2017
Ukraine	2017
United Republic of Tanzania	2015

Membership in 2015	*Term expires on 31 December*
United States of America	2017
Uruguay	2017
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2017

[a] The Economic and Social Council decided to further postpone the nomination of one member from Asia-Pacific States and three members from Western European and Other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2015 and expiring on 31 December 2017; and one member from Western European and Other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015 (see Council decisions 2014/201 A and B and General Assembly decision 69/404 (A/69/PV.32 and 68)).